



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Limited Purpose Aquaculture License Program, P.O. Box 8, West Boothbay Harbor, ME, 04575 (207)-633-9531

CHANGING YOUR LPA LICENSE

CONTACT THE AQUACULTURE ADMINISTRATOR at the address above to change:

- **Contact information** – Keep your address, email, and phone numbers up-to-date.
- **Assistants** - LPAs are limited to three named assistants.
- **Source of stock** - You must obtain written authorization from DMR to change the source of stock for your LPA. For more information, see the document on this website “Growing Shellfish & Other Species on LPA Sites.”
- **Species** – Include the source of stock of all species being added. If the species change requires a change in the gear you will use, see “Gear”, below.
- **Gear** – See below for additional information about changing gear.

LOCATION:

- ***You cannot change the location*** of the LPA without a new application.

GEAR:

- **Size limit:** Recent changes to the LPA rule, DMR Chapter 2.90, clarify that the total area occupied by gear on an LPA site, including the spaces between individual pieces of gear, must not exceed 400 square feet. Mooring equipment is not included in the calculation; it can extend outside the 400 sq. ft. area, if necessary.
- **LPAs that exceed 400 sq. ft.** (called “non-conforming sites”) are “grandfathered.” DMR will renew them **as is** through 2014, but **no change in gear type** will be allowed unless you adjust the gear to meet the 400 sq. ft. requirement. These LPAs will not be renewed for 2015 *unless* the amount of gear is reduced to meet the size limit as it is now defined.

- **Conforming sites:** If the gear authorized for an LPA, including spaces between individual pieces of gear, but excluding mooring equipment, covers no more than 400 sq. ft., **you can request to change gear** by contacting the Aquaculture Administrator and submitting:

1. A site plan showing:

- Maximum layout of all gear as proposed
- Boundaries drawn around all gear and labeled with length
- Calculation of square footage of area within boundaries

2. Plan and section drawings of new gear, showing

- Construction
- Dimensions
- Materials
- Mooring gear
- Depth at MLW and MHW

OPTIONS FOR NON-CONFORMING SITES:

If your LPA gear exceeds the 400 sq. ft. limit, you have several options between now and 2015. You can:

- ***Reduce the amount of gear*** on your site to fit within 400 sq. ft. by 2015.
- ***Do nothing***, and the license will not be renewed for 2015.
- ***Apply for additional LPA sites*** before 2015 to accommodate all your gear (limit of 4 LPAs per person, and no more than 3 sites within 1,000 ft. of any other site).
- ***Apply for an aquaculture lease*** to replace the LPA. The lease process can take a year or more to complete. If you apply for a lease to replace your LPA(s) before 2015, DMR will continue to renew your LPAs until the lease application is granted. If the lease is denied, the LPAs will terminate in 30 days from the date of the decision denying the application.